

NEWTON CASE GOES TO JURY

Sensational Pleadings Mark Closes of Trial
of Rush Springs Banker for
Embezzlement

NEWTON ILL AT TIME TRANSACTIONS OCCUR

Court Room Crowded and Sensation of
Day is Address for Defense by
Judge Holding

After some of the most sensational pleadings ever heard in the courts of Chickasha the case of the state vs. W. A. Newton for embezzlement of funds while cashier of the First State bank of Rush Springs was given to the jury shortly after 1 o'clock this afternoon. Especially strong was the address which was made to the jury by B. F. Holding for the defense which was concluded at noon and preceded the closing argument for the prosecution.

Nothing new was developed on the stand yesterday afternoon, the evidence being all in rebuttal, and a mass of detail repeated to the court and jury. Newton testified to a number of checks which were given to various individuals. He claimed that during the period in which the offense is said to have been committed he had been ill much of the time and had not always been at the bank. The fact was also brought out that at this time he was detained at home also by the grave illness of his child.

Judge Cham Jones of Waurika, who is conducting the trial in the absence of Judge Linn who is holding court at Altus, instructed the jury this morning and the argument was opened by County Attorney John H. Venable who spoke for thirty minutes for the state. He was followed by A. L. Herr for the defendant, his address taking twenty minutes. Then Alger Melton devoted forty-five minutes in presenting the state's case and was followed by B. B. Barfoot for the defense. Judge Holding followed for the defense for fifty minutes and at noon Assistant Attorney General J. I. Howard closed the case for the prosecution and the case went to the jury.

The trial has been a source of great interest not only to Rush Springs people who are here in great numbers but to local people who almost filled the court room at various times during the trial.

The wife and daughter of the defendant were in court today.

The jury went out at 1:45 o'clock this afternoon.

The jury had not returned at 3 o'clock and at that hour it was predicted that they would not come in before night.

REGISTRATION BOOKS OPEN

The books are now open for the supplementary registration of voters whose status has changed since the regular registration was completed in May. The term for this supplementary registration will expire on Saturday, ten days before the election on November 7. It is said that the first registration was complete and that probably fifteen voters in the entire county will be affected by that which is now open.

BROOM CORN ALL MARKED

Lindsay, Okla., Oct. 26.—Practically all the 1916 crop of broom corn in the Lindsay district has been sold, the top price for the year being \$212.50, and the total number of cars shipped to date 420. Broom corn in warehouses here will make the aggregate over 500 car loads.

JUDGES CHANGE BENCHES

Owing to the disqualification in civil cases of three district judges in Oklahoma this week, Judge Will Linn is holding court at Altus, Judge Cham Jones of Waurika is holding court here and Judge Frank Matthews of Altus is holding down the bench at Waurika.

ODDS FALL TO EVEN ON WILSON

Spectacular Race of America's President
Reduces Hughes' Odds in Wall
Street Election Betting

HUGHES STARTS IN ON FINAL DRIVE

Will Make Thirty-Four Speeches on Tour
of Connecticut, Massachusetts, New
York, Ohio and Indiana

By United Press.
New York, Oct. 26.—Betting on the presidential election is even here today.

One Wall street man who bet \$25,000 even on Wilson said he had a quarter million more money to place the same way.

One wager of \$100,000 on Hughes was made yesterday at ten to nine.

Hughes Starts Final Drive.

By United Press.
New York, Oct. 26.—Charles E. Hughes, the Republican candidate for president, began the final drive of his campaign today. He left this morning for a tour of Connecticut, Massachusetts, New York, Ohio and Indiana during which he will make thirty-four speeches.

WORE SUIT AND COAT OF BARBER

Quick Arrest of Men Charged With Com-
mitting Theft at Ninnekah But
Mayor is Puzzled

In order to act strictly within a law with which he is not familiar Mayor Coffman has not yet passed judgment on a couple of men who were arraigned in police court yesterday afternoon on the charge of stealing clothes belonging to a barber at Ninnekah. The prisoners are Jack Shipley and Walter Ferris and the charge is petty larceny.

The two men are said to have entered the barbership at Ninnekah for a shave day before yesterday afternoon. Shortly after the proprietor noted the loss of a new \$18 suit of clothes and an extra coat. Immediately suspecting the strangers he phoned to Chickasha a description of the articles and the men and Shipley, wearing the coat in question, and Walter Ferris, wearing the suit, were arrested. The barber arrived and identified the property, the coat of the suit having his name sewn on the inside pocket.

These men have been seen about Chickasha for some time. Mayor Coffman believes they can be held on the charge of introducing stolen property into the city. They claim they bought the clothes from a Mexican. Ferris was obliged to send to town for a duck suit when forced to surrender the clothing identified by the Ninnekah barber.

THOUSANDS CHEER HIM

President Wilson Bears Lucky Piece to Be
Returned to Donor After Second
Inauguration

By United Press.
Chillicothe, Ohio, Oct. 26.—Carrying a "lucky piece" that was given to him by a working man at Philadelphia yesterday, "to be returned after your second inauguration," President Wilson passed through here today en route to Cincinnati.

Thousands cheered the president wherever his train stopped. He will make four speeches in Cincinnati.

FATHER OF BLACK TESTIFIES

By United Press.
Galveston, Tex., Oct. 26.—The defense in the Copeland case introduced the affidavit of John Black, of Ohio, father of William Black, whom Copeland is accused of killing, stating that the father had no knowledge of Black ever being ordained as a Catholic priest.

TAKES LEAP FROM CAR SPRAINS BACK

O. F. Covalt, Rock Island Foreman, Steps
Out of Motorcycle and Lands
Ten Feet Below

O. F. Covalt, of El Reno, road foreman of equipment for the Rock Island, was seriously injured last night while on his way to Waurika. Mr. Covalt and a conductor were riding on the track on a large railway motorcycle, and about two miles south of Ninnekah the car stopped and Mr. Covalt, not knowing they were on a trestle, got off to investigate and instead of jumping a foot or so as he imagined he jumped about ten feet, lighting on his feet. He was brought immediately to the Chickasha hospital, where it was found he had injured his spine. Mrs. Covalt came overland from El Reno last night.

COTTON ON TOBOGGAN SLIDE TODAY

After Spectacular Jump Over Twenty Cent
Mark Yesterday Staple Falls to
\$19.30 Today

By United Press.
New York, Oct. 26.—The cotton market continued its wild fluctuations during the early hours today.

The market opened from seven to twenty-seven points lower than yesterday. May cotton which sold at over \$20 was quoted at \$19.30.

SLEUTHS GET \$13,700 OF THE SWAG

Keys Found on James Walton in Dallas
Prison Open Treasure Box in St.
Louis Safety Deposit Vault

By United Press.
St. Louis, Mo., Oct. 26.—Eighteen packages of money, totaling \$13,700, were identified today as part of the \$30,000 stolen in the hold-up of the Burroughs Adding Machine Co. pay car at Detroit, and were recovered from safety deposit boxes of the Mercantile Trust company here.

The boxes were opened with keys that were found on James Walton when he was arrested a few days ago at Dallas. He and his brother Douglas, while still at liberty, rented the boxes, giving their names as James Lane and J. Arthur Lane.

COMPETENCY COMMISSION

The long looked for visit of the Indian competency commission came yesterday afternoon when C. M. McPherson, special agent in field work and chairman of the commission to remove the incompetency from Indians and his party began a session in the federal building. Together with Eldon Lowe, of the joint Indian agencies, Chairman McPherson and members of his party left this morning for Alex and other points.

Only one Indian was examined yesterday afternoon.

ESCAPING DESTROY BRIDGE

Doomed to Evacuate Cernavoda Fleeing
Roumanians Dynamite 14 Mile Bridge
Costing Many Millions

MANY OF TRAPPED ARMY MAKE ESCAPE

Petrograd Reports Attacks of Field Marshal
Mackensen in the Dobruja Grow
Weaker Today

By United Press.
London, Oct. 26.—The Roumanians are dynamiting the Cernavoda bridge, which is the largest bridge in Europe, following their evacuation of the city, according to a dispatch from Bucharest.

This bridge was built in 1896 and cost several million dollars. It is fourteen miles long. The city of Cernavoda is at the eastern terminus of it.

Part of Army Escapes.

By United Press.
Berlin, Oct. 26.—Part of the Russo-Roumanian forces that were trapped in the Dobruja escaped over the bridge across the Danube at Cernavoda before the city was captured, according to reports today.

Attacks Grow Weaker.

By United Press.
Petrograd, Oct. 26.—Marshal Mackensen's attacks in the Dobruja have grown somewhat weaker today, it is officially announced.

Peace Rumor Denied.

By United Press.
Rome, Oct. 26.—The Vatican today denied Swiss rumors that the pope had been negotiating with Austria and Russia for separate peace terms.

Take Heavy Shipping Toll.

By United Press.
Berlin, Oct. 26.—One hundred and forty-one enemy merchantmen were destroyed by submarines or mines during the month of September. It is announced here.

During the same period thirty-nine neutral merchantmen carrying contraband were captured by the Germans.

NEW PASTOR OF CHURCH IS HERE

Rev. Byron Hester, the new pastor of the First Christian church, has arrived in the city from Pryor, Okla., to take up his work. A. B. Cochran, chairman of the official board of the church, received the following letter: Pryor, Okla., Oct. 21, 1916. Mr. A. B. Cochran, Chairman, Chickasha, Okla.

Dear Sir: I understand that Rev. Byron Hester is coming to your city as pastor of the Christian church, and since I know Mr. Hester personally and have had ample opportunity to observe his work since he has been in Pryor, I would like to say to you frankly that Mr. Hester has not only been successful in his work as a minister but as an organizer of Sunday school work I have never seen his superior. His church school at this place in all of its departments is getting actual results.

I am especially interested in Sunday school work myself and have been recognizing and giving credit in our schools for work that is properly done in the Sunday school. Reports from this Sunday school and my personal observation of the work done there warrant me in saying that Mr. Hester in my judgment is a superior leader in this work.

As a member of another church of this town I wish to say that the loss of Mr. and Mrs. Hester will be keenly felt—Very truly yours, John G. Mitchell, Supt. City Schools, Pryor, Okla.

GRASS FIRE

The fire department was called out at 1 o'clock today to put out a grass fire on the corner of Third and Minnesota.

ARRESTED ON THIRD WARRANT

Ben Tucker Puts Up Cash Bond on Liquor
Charge Until Regular Bond Can
Be Arranged Today

NEW CHIEF SHELTERS THE POOR

President of Argentina Feeds the Hungry
and Turns \$100,000 Salary Back
Into National Treasury

Arrested on three different charges within a few days, Ben Tucker last night put up a \$125 cash bond with Deputy Sheriff Castleman until the amount of the bond could be set today by Judge Davenport on the charge of transporting intoxicating liquors. The arrest grew out of the arrest of Tucker and Shepard at the Norge station last week while conveying two suit cases filled with whiskey. The other two arrests of Tucker were on old charges.

TO CAUSE CARRANZA DOWNFALL

Report that Villa Will Become Commander
in Chief and Legistas Will Fur-
nish Sinews of War

By United Press.
Buenos Aires, Oct. 26.—Doctor Irigoyen, the new radical president of Argentina, because of hard times, is arranging to shelter the destitute here in public buildings.

The president announces that he will pay for the food of the poor himself. He says he will turn his salary of nearly \$100,000 back into the national treasury.

ANOTHER MOTORIST APPEALS

Another Chickasha motorist will appeal from the decision of Mayor Coffman on the ground that he was not speeding when arrested by Officer Sammy Dwyer. This is A. A. Knowles who was fined \$5 in police court yesterday afternoon and this morning appealed. Officer Dwyer stated that he followed the defendant from the latter's home at Eighth and Minnesota to Neal's meat market at Sixth and Chickasha where the arrest was made and that the motorist was speeding a large part of the way.

Other arrests yesterday were C. Page, a service car man and Morris Weightman, both for speeding on Chickasha avenue, and Harry Blott for speeding on North Sixth street, all of whom paid \$5 fines.

Doss Elliott was arrested and lodged in jail for being drunk and fighting.

GAVE CHECK ON WRONG BANK FOR RELEASE

The rearrest of Jake Hightower on a bootlegging charge yesterday afternoon was due to a mistake in a check which was given as cash bond. The check for \$175 was deposited with the county court and in due time reached the bank and was turned down with the explanation "no funds" attached. The check had been made out on the wrong bank. The error was corrected and Jake was again released.

MANY BURN ALIVE IN HOSPITAL

350 Inmates Asleep on Third Floor in
Dead of Night and Fire Escapes
are Quickly Blocked

FIVE KNOWN DEAD AND MANY INJURED

Terrible Death Scenes Enacted When
Flames Quickly Spread and Little
Children Jump From Windows

By United Press.
Farnham, Quebec, Oct. 26.—Five persons are known to be dead and fifteen others are missing, while scores are injured, including many children, as a result of a fire which destroyed the St. Elizabeth hospital and laundry here during the night. Several dwellings nearby were damaged.

Three hundred and fifty persons were asleep in the hospital when the fire started from a defective flue. The flames spread so swiftly that many were cut off from the avenues of escape.

About twenty-five children were injured when they leaped from third floor windows because the defective fire escapes were blocked and the flimsy stairways were afire.

Nearly all of the inmates were asleep on the third floor when the blaze broke out. The fire escapes and other avenues of escape will be investigated.

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By United Press.
El Paso, Tex., Oct. 26.—Villa emissaries have been here conferring with members of the junta of the new revolutionary party, called the Legistas, according to information coming from American government agents.

It is believed that an agreement was reached whereby Villa will act as commander in chief of the field forces operating against Carranza under the direction of the junta. The Legistas are to furnish the money to equip an army.

The avowed object of the new party is to bring about the downfall of Carranza.

COUNCIL MAY ACT ON THESE

Several interesting matters are expected to come up before the city council tonight for consideration.

The resolution authorizing the city clerk to draw warrants for the refund of the \$20,000 now being held by the city treasurer as a penalty fund for paying bonds holders, was laid aside until tonight at the last meeting of the council.

It is expected that Mayor Coffman will appoint the chauffeur examining board and that a clear understanding will be reached as to the treatment in the future of the law now on the statute books making it a penalty for any child under sixteen years to drive an automobile without a licensed driver at his side.

It is claimed that the law fixing this age limit had never been repealed or revised and that the "18" mentioned in a subsequent ordinance should have been sixteen.

INSURANCE RATE CUT BY ENGINE

Inspector for Oklahoma Fire Rate Bureau
Says Chickasha's Construction Laws
are Inadequate

INVESTIGATES CITY BUILDING LAWS

Chickasha Will Save Several Thousand
Dollars Upon Arrival of New Fire
Fighting Apparatus

That the people of Chickasha will save several thousand dollars a year as the result of the reduced key rate on fire insurance due to the introduction of the new motor truck and other equipment soon to arrive, but that the building code of the city should be greatly improved to get a higher classification, was the statement made to an Express representative this morning by H. H. Crittenden, inspector for the Oklahoma inspection bureau for insurance, a bureau established for the purpose of classifying fire insurance rates and town classifications. This bureau is maintained by the fire insurance companies in the state of Oklahoma and is not in any sense political. "In establishing these rates the insurance companies seek to co-operate with the public," said Mr. Crittenden. "They prefer at all times to establish low rates in preference to high rates. When low rates prevail the people are satisfied. With high rates they are not. The inspection bureau gets no more out of it whether the rate is high or low. We sit down and add up conditions which fix the rates. Both individuals and the municipality are instrumental in making the rate high or low and in establishing the classification."

The reduced key rate, he said, would go into effect following the arrival of the new motor fire engine and the publication of the new rate book, which will follow shortly.

The inspector arrived yesterday and spent the afternoon in company with the water commissioner. They took the water pressure and inspected the water plant. This morning he is engaged in the office of City Clerk Reynolds going through the ordinance book and making notations which influence fire rates. This afternoon he will spend in company with Fire Chief George Gattis.

In the course of the investigation it was learned that Chickasha has eleven miles of well paved streets and a total approaching 200 miles.

"The number of paved streets also has a bearing on the rate," said the inspector, "as they enable the fire department to reach the burning property quickly."

Mr. Crittenden will leave with Mayor Coffman and members of the council a correct building ordinance for reference in case at any time they desire to amend the existing laws.

FORMER EDITOR OF DAILY EXPRESS IS CLAIMED BY DEATH

According to a press dispatch in the morning papers today, Horace W. Shepard, one of the former editors of the Daily Express, died yesterday in Roswell, N. M., where he went a year or more ago for the benefit of his health. The body is being taken to Warrensburg, Mo., the old home of the deceased, for interment.

It will be remembered by the older readers of the Express that Mr. Shepard was associated with the late Major W. F. Granlee in the publication of the paper to the present publisher fourteen years ago and went from here to Altus where, with his sister, Miss Rosie W. Shepard, he engaged in the publication of the Times, remaining there till his health forced him to give up his work. He made a marked success at Altus. Mr. Shepard was at one time president of the Oklahoma Press association.